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TAGS: INFCE, ENRG, TECH

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BRIEFING MATERIAL ON NONPROLIFERATION

1. YOU WILL NOTE THAT BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR FRANCE FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT DO NOT CONTAIN SECTION ON RENEGOTIATION ON US-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THE ISSUE AT THIS POINT AND DO NOT THINK PRESIDENT GISCARD IS LIKELY TO DO SO. HOWEVER, IN CASE ISSUE SHOULD ARISE EITHER BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS OR IN SIDE CONVERSATIONS, WE WISH YOU TO HAVE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON CURRENT STATUS OF THIS ISSUE AND SUGGESTED POINTS TO MAKE.

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2. WE HAVE RECENTLY APPROACHED THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY REGARDING THE NEED UNDER PENDING NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION TO OBTAIN AN EARLY COMMITMENT TO RENEGOTIATE THE U.S.-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN ORDER TO PREVENT A DISRUPTION IN SUPPLY OF U.S. MATERIALS. FRANCE HAS OBJECTED TO THE COMMUNITY'S MAKING SUCH A COMMITMENT AND BELIEVES THAT NO RENEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT SHOULD

TAKE PLACE DURING THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE
EVALUATION (INFCE) WHICH MIGHT MODIFY THE CURRENT CONDI-
TIONS OF COOPERATION WITH EURATOM. WE HAVE TOLD THE

FRENCH THAT WE ARE SEEKING MERELY AN EXPRESSION OF
WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE ON EURATOM'S PART WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RENEGO-
TIONS, AND THAT NEGOTIATION OF THE PARTICULARLY SENSI-
TIVE PROVISIONS (E.G., U.S. PRIOR CONSENT OVER INTRA-
COMMUNITY TRANSFERS OF U.S. MATERIALS AND REPROCESSING
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF U.S. MATERIAL) WILL LIKELY EXTEND
BEYOND THE CONCLUSION OF INFCE.

3. POINTS TO BE MADE:

--WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE
COMMUNITY'S EXPRESSING A WILLINGNESS TO RENEGOTIATE
THE U.S.-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

--SUCH AN EXPRESSION WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO
AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RENEGOTIATIONS AND
WOULD AVOID A POTENTIAL DISRUPTION IN U.S. SUPPLIES
BECAUSE OF PENDING LEGISLATION.

--WE WOULD EXPECT THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MORE SENSI-
TIVE ISSUES AND PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD EXTEND
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BEYOND THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL
CYCLE EVALUATION. CHRISTOPHER

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